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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--January 1986

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. While not involved in primary coverage of the coup in the PDRY and its murky aftermath, Jordan Bureau provided a number of items on the confusing developments from secondary sources, principally Radio Monte Carlo, Jordanian newspapers and Baghdad INA. Bureau efforts in the search for 'Ali Nasir Muhammad's "Aden Radio" included dusting off old cruising files and providing Aden Radio frequencies dating back to 1959.

2. PLO Chairman Yasir 'Arafat's long-awaited visit to Jordan began on 25 January. According to usually well-informed sources in the Jordanian press, 'Arafat's meetings with King Husayn have not resulted in any specific agreements. Reporting on the talks from both sides has been unusually terse.

3. In an unintentional prelude to the Mideast session of the upcoming Bureau Chiefs Conference, Jordan, Nicosia and Gulf bureaus engaged in a "Who's on first" routine over backstop coverage of Baghdad INA. The positive result of the exercise was the fairly certain determination that the heavily garbled reception of INA from 1300-1500 GMT apparently originates at the Baghdad transmitter.

B. Technical

1. Recently received Comscribe printers were tested and put on line on the 26th. With the exception of a mysterious deprogramming glitch, the printers have been performing well. A preliminary ballpark estimate on the printers' impact on paper usage indicates that a savings of up to 25 percent may be realized.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Teletypist received a PSI to FBN-5/5 on 5 January.

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2. Newspaper ads have been placed for the vacant monitor position. We are still getting a steady trickle of referred walk-ins, but so far no "sleepers" have been uncovered. We are hoping to build up a good list of qualified candidates against future vacancies.

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

ATT: Monthly Production Report